The instant application is a Continuation of Application No. 09/465,126, filed December 17, 1999, which is a Continuation of Application No. 09/063,933, filed April 21, 1998, and a Continuation of Application No. 08/466,632, filed June 6, 1995 now U.S. Patent No. 5,744,305, which is a Rule 60 Divisional of Application No. 08/390,272, filed February 16, 1995 now U.S. Patent No. 5,489,678, which is a file wrapper continuation of Application No. 07/624,120, filed December 6, 1990, now abandoned, which is a Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 07/492,462, filed March 7, 1990 now U.S. Patent No. 5,143,854, which is a Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 07/362,901, filed June 7, 1989, now abandoned and a Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 08/456,887, filed June 1, 1995, which is a Divisional of Application No. 07/954,646, filed September 30, 1992 now U.S. Patent No. 5,445,934, which is a Divisional of Application No. 07/850,356, filed March 12, 1992 now U.S. Patent No. 5,405,783, which is a Divisional of Application No. 07/492,462, filed March 7, 1990 now U.S. Patent No. 5,143,854. The teachings of all of the above are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

Amendments to the specification are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (page i).

## **REMARKS**

The above Related Applications paragraph has been replaced to correct typographical errors. No new matter is added.

## Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed concurrently herewith. Entry of the IDS is respectfully requested.

-3-

## **CONCLUSION**

It is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (978) 341-0036.

Respectfully submitted, HAMILTON, BROOK, SMITH & REYNOLDS, P.C.

Pamela A. Torpey

Registration No. 45,736 Telephone: (978) 341-0036 Facsimile: (978) 341-0136

Concord, MA 01742-9133

Dated:

"October 8, 2002